

10. Joshua Tree Woodlands : B, C, E, F			
Criteria Letter	Criteria Description	Criteria Met	Reason SEA meets Criteria
A	The habitat of core populations of endangered or threatened plant or animal species.	No	Although there are several listed species which occur within the SEA, this criterion is not met due to the lack of known core population areas.
B	On a regional basis, biotic communities, vegetative associations, and habitat of plant or animal species that are either unique or are restricted in distribution.	Yes	The SEA contains large patches of undisturbed joshua tree woodland habitat which has become increasingly rare in the region.
C	Within Los Angeles County, biotic communities, vegetative associations, and habitat of plant or animal species that are either unique or are restricted in distribution.	Yes	As stated above, joshua tree woodlands have become rare in the region, and are even more rare in Los Angeles County.
D	Habitat that at some point in the life cycle of a species or group of species, serves as concentrated breeding, feeding, resting, migrating grounds and is limited in availability either regionally or in Los Angeles County.	No	The habitat within the proposed SEA is not known to serve as a concentrated breeding, feeding, resting, or migrating ground for any species.
E	Biotic resources that are of scientific interest because they are either an extreme in physical/geographical limitations, or represent unusual variation in a population or community.	Yes	Due to the scarcity of joshua tree woodland, specimens of the quality found in the proposed SEA are important to science and have become living laboratories. The SEA also contains the most westerly extent of this habitat type.
F	Areas that would provide for the preservation of relatively undisturbed examples of the original natural biotic communities in Los Angeles County.	Yes	The joshua tree woodland contained within the proposed SEA is an excellent example of this community type.